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In the Interim

by Gail Formanack

The search for a new director for the Eastern Library System continues. A good number of applications have been received and reviewed, and the search committee plans to schedule interviews early this spring. In the interim, I am volunteering part-time in the office to ensure that meetings are scheduled and committees continue to meet to plan the valuable services of the Eastern Library System.

Please contact me at the office or by e-mail if I can be of assistance.



The DIRECT meeting for public library directors is scheduled for March 22 in Wahoo. The CLICK group for children's services was rescheduled due to bad weather and will now meet on April 19th at Sump Memorial Library in Papillion. Both meetings begin at 9:30.

School librarians will not want to miss the annual School Library Day on April

6th when a full day of sessions specifically geared to meet the needs of school librarians is offered. This event is co-sponsored by UNO and the Nebraska School Librarians Association. See flyer on page 8 of this issue.

The majority of funding for the regional systems in Nebraska comes from the Nebraska Library Commission. The NLC is asking the legislature for an increased appropriation for the following three purposes: 1. Additional financial support for the regional systems 2. Expanded access to the eLibrary database for schools 3. Increased eBook content through Nebraska eReads.

Libraries are struggling to meet the demand for eBooks while continuing to provide other necessary materials and services. 139 libraries in Nebraska provide eBooks to patrons through a license agreement with OverDrive. The collaboration of the smaller public libraries increases purchasing power.

OverDrive continues to make its platform more user friendly for patrons. An improved user interface became available March 1st so be sure to contact the NLC if you have questions about it.

Spotlight on ELS Board Member

David Privett is the school librarian at Wahoo High School and a member of the Eastern Library System board. As he returned to Wahoo from a board meeting at the ELS office on December 14th, he heard the tragic story of the school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary unfold. He and John Stevens, a former colleague at Wahoo, quickly initiated a toy drive for the students of Sandy Hook.

They organized drop off stations at his school library, and in both Lincoln and Omaha. In one week, they received enough donations to pack a 16-foot trailer with toys, blankets, pillows, cards and snowflakes along with over \$3,500 in monetary donations for Sandy Hook. David and John departed Wahoo on Friday, December 21st and arrived in Connecticut the next afternoon to unload the donations. A Wahoo alumnus in Connecticut organized the delivery on that end.

This project, called "There is More Love Than Hate," received much attention in the press with articles in the Wahoo, Fremont, and Omaha newspapers as well as being covered on several television stations. We congratulate David on his ability to see a need and organize a response in such a short amount of time. Job well done!

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Upcoming Events

March 21st - NLA Paraprofessional Spring Meeting

March 22nd - DIRECT Meeting (Public Library Directors) - Wahoo Public Library

April 4th - "Help! I'm Not a Social Worker—Blair Public Library. See announcement on Page 5.

April 6th - School Librarian Day—UNO, Roskens Hall. See flyer on Page 11.

April 8th to April 19th - Basic Skills Course: Library Policy. Register by Mar. 29 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

April 12th - ELS Board Meeting, 9:30 am—North Bend Public Library

April 19th - CLICK Meeting (Children's librarians)—Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

April 22nd to May 3rd - Basic Skills course: Communication, Register by Apr. 12 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

May 6th to May 17th - Basic Skills Course: Reference. Register by Apr. 26 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/>

June 7th - ELS Annual Meeting—Ralston Arena. More information coming soon.

Bus Trip to Chicago for ALA Annual Conference

Nebraska Library Association is partnering with Nebraska Regional Library Systems, with the help of a continuing education grant from Nebraska Library Commission, to charter a 56 passenger bus to ALA Chicago 2013. We will be leaving from Lincoln on June 27th – probably 7 a.m., with a pick up point in Omaha. The bus will return on July 2nd after the closing session, which will mean leaving Chicago early afternoon – my guess is 1 p.m. – but the agenda wasn't posted last I looked. Cost for riders is \$50 for a round trip, and we'll encourage riders to contribute to a driver gratuity.

So, now we need those of you who are interested to officially register to be on the bus. We want to have a count in by April 10th, in order to qualify for the grant – so don't delay. The link is below for the online registration – and certainly if you have questions, let us know. We will try and work with folks interested in finding a roommate to split hotel costs, or in carpooling to Lincoln/Omaha for catching the bus.

https://nlia.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_138634

Hope to see you on the bus!
Brenda Ealey
NLA ALA Councilor

Website Suggestions

- **Prepare Students for College** <http://libguides.library.kent.edu/t2c>

Transitioning to College (T2C) provides resources for both students and librarians about the college experience and the role of academic libraries. T2C users include high school juniors and seniors and their librarians and teachers, as well as those working with incoming college students.

- **Copyright in a Copypaste World** <http://www.pleasedontcheat.com>

Pleasedontcheat.com focuses on digital ethics and aggregates valuable resources on the web, including links, tools for educators, and thought provoking questions for students.

System News

La Vista Public Library

La Vista Public Library has a steady schedule of upcoming events, including:

Darrel Draper as J. Sterling Morton, Author of Arbor Day – Sat, March 23, 2 to 3 pm. The presenter, in costume and in character, uses humor and pathos to give insight into Morton's successes and failures, educating and entertaining audiences of all ages.

Personality, Planning & Planting! Making your garden your own creation of beauty – Thu, April 18, 7 to 8 pm. Presented by Gloria Waters, UNL Extension Master Gardener, Douglas/Sarpy County

Ask a Master Gardner – Sat, April 20, 1 to 4 pm. Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Master Gardeners, Joyce Stranglen, Kathy Bokelman, and Cathy Placzek will answer questions about trees, pests, flowers, turf and other gardening problems.

Author Fair and Panel – Sat, May 11, 1 to 4 pm.



Free Land? 1862 and the Shaping of Modern America

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Book and Video Series

Sump Memorial Library
Pick up a book today!

April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Author Visit and Book Discussion, "I am a Man": Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice with author Joe Starita.

April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Book Discussion, O Pioneers! By Willa Cather led by Andrew Jewell, editor of the Willa Cather Archive.

April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Heartland movie (PG) followed by discussion led by Pioneer Storytellers Wanda Butts and Robin Clark.

April 23, 6:00 p.m.

Bury My Heart on Wounded Knee movie (PG) followed by discussion led by Jeff Barnes, author of *The Great Plains Guide to Custer*.

April 24, 7:00 p.m.

Family Book Discussion, By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder led by Cathy McMahon.



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Annual Statistics Provide Chance to Illustrate Your Value

Public libraries in Nebraska recently completed the online reporting of statistics to the Nebraska Library Commission. The report, nicknamed "the Beast" by one ELS public librarian, can be a formidable task to complete.

However, librarians should now be looking for ways to communicate the information to their trustees or board members as well as to other city officials. In addition, librarians should consider repackaging the information in a concise and visual way in order to make it available to your patrons – either online or in a short handout made available in your library.

Library users and taxpayers have a right to know some of the major data points and trends. It is important to make it graphic and include reasons for increases or predictions of future trends. Here are a couple of examples:

- ♦ Reading increased with 18% more books being circulated than last year, particularly the children's collection due to purchases based upon a survey of young users.
- ♦ Computer usage was up by 25% largely during after-school hours. The spike occurred after the library received seven new computers and a broadband upgrade from the BTOP grant.

Call the Eastern Library System office if you would like assistance in creating a summary document to highlight your statistics.

System News

Mead Public Library

Vera Kuhr is retiring as director of the Mead Public Library. She held this position since 1996. She indicated she has no major plans in retirement other than to enjoy extra time with her grandchildren and working in her yard. Best wishes, Vera!

Nancy Black has been hired as the new director. Nancy is in her last semester at UNO where she is studying Library Science.

John Moritz Library at Nebraska Methodist College

Katie Dunham is the new Electronic Resources Librarian at John Moritz Library. Katie has earned an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Iowa and is nearing completion of an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She served most recently as Library Assistant for Operations in the Cochrane-Woods Library at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

North Bend Public Library

The North Bend library was awarded a \$1000 IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant! Our Summer Intern's name is Kate Reznicek, and she will be helping with all phases of our Summer Reading Program as well as learning about materials acquisition practices, budgeting, and policy and procedure making. She is currently a junior at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln. Her mother is a part time librarian here in North Bend, and Kate is interested in pursuing a career in Library Sciences. We are very excited to have her on board for this summer!

--Amy Williams

Library Volunteers Honored

Carol Barnes of Springfield and Kathy Throne of Omaha were among seven people recognized for their volunteer work in Nebraska libraries at this year's Library Advocacy Day Luncheon in Lincoln.

ELS Libraries Get Technology Upgrade

Free access to computers and the Internet is now nearly as important to library patrons as borrowing books, according to a new survey released recently by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project.

A synopsis of the report in the Omaha World Herald indicated that 80% of Americans said book borrowing was a very important library service, but 77% said the same thing about computers and the Internet. More than half of those polled said they wanted more e-book selections in their public libraries which was a significant increase from a survey a year ago.



In order to help meet these needs, the U.S. Department of Commerce awarded the Nebraska Library Commission a grant to fund Nebraska's public computer center project. To date, \$1.9 million have been expended for equipment, software, and computer furniture for public libraries in the BTOP program.

Nebraska libraries have received a broadband upgrade with an average speed increase from 4.2 MB to 21.4 MB. There are 29,667 average public computer users per week at the 147 BTOP libraries.

Eighteen of the participating libraries are in the Eastern Library System, including:

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| ♦ Beemer | ♦ Wisner |
| ♦ Dodge | ♦ Omaha Public |
| ♦ La Vista | Branches: |
| ♦ Loup City | ♦ Sorensen |
| ♦ North Bend | ♦ Benson |
| ♦ Oakland | ♦ Florence |
| ♦ Tekamah | ♦ South |
| ♦ Wahoo | ♦ W. Dale Clark |
| ♦ Walthill | ♦ Washington |
| ♦ West Point | ♦ Cather |

Announcements

Folkmanis Puppet Orders

The Republican Valley Library System has agreed to include ELS libraries in their group puppet order this year. ELS will not be doing a separate order. As we are without a full-time executive director right now, this will allow us to focus on other areas of support for you.

See contact information below for puppet orders. Let them know what you want by April 1, and we will make sure the puppets get delivered to you when they arrive.



Please thank Denise and Kay at RVLS for their help with this!

We will be placing a group puppet order on Monday, April 1, 2013, so that everyone can have them in time for Summer Reading Programs. The group rate is 50% of the price listed on the website, plus 10% for shipping. If you would like to order puppets for your library, go to <http://www.folkmanis.com> to see pictures and videos.

Please call the RVLS office at 402-462-1975 or email Kay at rvlsasst@inebraska.com to order.

ELS Board Nominations

The Eastern Library System is governed by a 12-member board serving staggered 3-year terms. Four openings on the board will be filled this year at the annual meeting in June.

Board members attend six meetings per year and are active on at least one ELS Board committee. As a group, they approve policies, budgets, and plans for the system. Non-library employees must make up 25% of the board, so nominate your volunteers or local library supporters.

Serving on the ELS Board is a great opportunity to be involved in supporting libraries and networking.

Nominate yourself or someone else by filling out the form on page 12 of this newsletter. Nominations must be received by April 10.

New Book Club Sets!!

New titles have arrived for you to borrow from ELS for your teen and YA book clubs. We have 20 copies of each.

♦ **The Boy Who Dared**

by Susan Campbell Bartolli

♦ **The Juvie Three**

by Gordon Corman

♦ **The Red Umbrella**

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

♦ **Unwholly**

by Neal Shusterman

More will be coming soon! If you have suggestions for new titles, please share them with us.

Continuing Education: "Help! I'm Not a Social Worker"

Every day, library staff members are expected to handle very difficult situations: children left in the library, interactions with the mentally ill, persons under the influence, and the angry "in-your-face" library user.

This practical, interactive training will include discussion, skills, and tools to use while serving the public and handling those tough situations. Presenter Carolyn Davidson Brewer is executive director of North Texas Library Partners. Before earning her MLS, she worked as a social worker.

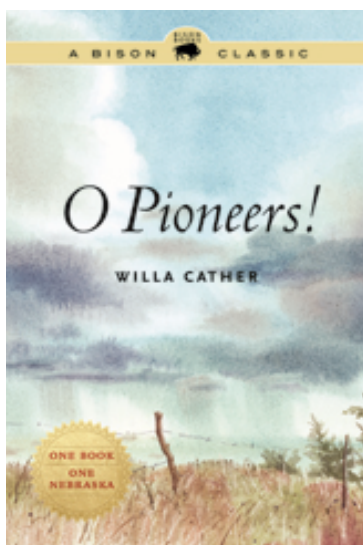
This continuing education program (4 CE credits) is being co-sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association - Public Library and Trustee Section, and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems.

The Eastern Library System location is Blair Public Library on April 5th, 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. It will also be offered in Lincoln at the Walt Branch Library on April 4th. Consult the Nebraska Library Association website for details on registration. Advance registrations are due March 26th.

One Book, One Nebraska

Reserve an O Pioneers! Book Club Kit from ELS or NLC

On January 23rd, Governor Dave Heineman proclaimed 2013 One Book One Nebraska: *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather. In this year, the 100th anniversary of the book's publication, people across Nebraska will read this timeless story of the Bergsons, a family of Swedish pioneers that settles on the Nebraska prairie. While Alexandra, the family matriarch, turns the family farm into a financial success, her brother Emil struggles. A novel surprisingly ahead of its time, this work touches on a wide range of enduring themes – love, marriage, temptation, and isolation.



The One Book One Nebraska reading program is now in its ninth year. It is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, University of Nebraska Press, and Willa Cather Foundation. Libraries and other organizations are planning book discussions and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book.

The Eastern Library System office has a limited number of copies available along with discussion guides and other materials. Call the office to reserve a kit. Additional book club kits can be reserved from the Nebraska Library Commission directly.

Go to <http://onebook.nebraska.gov/2013/> for detailed information and resources for your book club.

Kids and Teens Have Their Own One Book For Nebraska Titles

Wouldn't it be great if kids all over Nebraska were talking about books? The Nebraska Library Commission has a program where kids can all read and discuss the same book.

For Kids: *Aliens on Vacation* by Clete Barrett Smith

David, nicknamed Scrub, is sent from Florida, where he had all kinds of plans with his best friend, to Washington to stay with his grandmother for the summer. She has a bed and breakfast and he is certain a long boring summer is ahead. He soon learns his grandmother's reputation as a "crazy lady" is well founded -- her visitors are from other planets. Soon Scrub is helping new arrivals to touch up their disguises and trying to keep the prying sheriff, who knows something is off with the place, out of his grandmother's hair. Clever touches, such as the descriptions of the many - very different - aliens add to the fun. Certain to appeal to reluctant readers, this looks like the beginning of a wonderful series.

For Teens: *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld

Set in an alternate version of World War I, German Central Powers (Clankers) use mechanized war machines opposed by British Entente Powers (Darwinists) who fabricate living creatures genetically. Heroes are teens Aleksander (15), son of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and Deryn (15), a Scottish girl who joins the British Air Service hoping to serve aboard one of the floating fabricated animals. This award-winning, first-in-series novel epitomizes the steampunk genre in young adult fiction.

The Nebraska Library Commission website has links to author information, discussion questions, and other related activities. Unfortunately, budget restrictions will prevent the NLC from purchasing these book sets for the regional systems this year.

In Other News

Nebraska Book Festival

The Nebraska Center for the Book is a sponsor of the Nebraska Book Festival April 5 & 6, 2013 at UNO's Thompson Alumni Center.

The keynote speaker is Kurt Andersen, author of *True Believers* (2012), *Heyday* (2007), and *Turn of the Century* (1999). The event will also include poets Art Homer, Stacey Waite and Fred Zydek, and authors Lisa Knopp and Joy Castro (*Hell or High Water: A Novel*).

John Price will be reading along with UNO creative non-fiction students and Editor Andrew Jewell will discuss his work on the letters of Willa Cather. For more information, check out the Nebraska Book Festival website at: <http://bookfestival.nebraska.gov/> or the Nebraska Center for the Book at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/index.asp>

Big Talk from Small Libraries Recordings now available

Were you too busy to participate in this conference held on February 28th? If so, you can still take advantage of the wonderful information from the conference. The staff at NLC recorded the sessions and will make them available by adding them to the 2013 Presentations page. Check NLCblogs on the Commission website.

Upcoming Conferences in Omaha

Word must be getting out about Nebraska's friendly librarians. Two conferences will be held in Omaha this year.

The **Association for Rural & Small Libraries** (ARSL) Annual Conference will be September 25-28, 2013 at the Doubletree in Downtown Omaha. Session proposals are being accepted through Feb 17. For more details, see: <http://arsl.info/category/conference2/>

The **Mid-America Association of Law Libraries** (MAALL) will hold their annual meeting October 17-19, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in the Old Market.

Watch future issues for more details on these great learning and networking opportunities.

31st Annual Neihardt Spring Conference Planned

The 31st Annual Neihardt Spring Conference will be held April 27 in Bancroft. The conference theme will be "Neihardt & Education on the Great Plains."

Watch the Neihardt Center website for details: www.neihardtcenter.org or call the John G. Neihardt Foundation at 1-888-777-4667

Omaha Public Library announced as finalist for National Medal for Museum and Library Service

IMLS has announced that the Omaha Public Library is a National Medal for Museum and Library Service finalist. OPL is one of only 16 libraries on the list.

The National Medal is the highest honor awarded to U.S. museums and libraries for service to the community. Nominees demonstrate innovative approaches to public service that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

Additionally, the Omaha Children's Museum is one of 17 museum finalists for the medal, giving Eastern Nebraska two finalists for this honor. Share your stories of the Omaha Public Library and Omaha Children's Museum on IMLS's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/USIMLS

Become a 'Read Aloud Nebraska' Community or School

Read Aloud Nebraska recently provided free books to children across the state. The books are distributed by libraries that sign-up through Read Aloud Nebraska. In the Eastern Library System area, boxes of books were recently given to the **John Rogers Memorial Library in Dodge**, and the **Pawnee Elementary School library in Omaha** for distribution to their young patrons.

The application to become a Read Aloud Community or Read Aloud School for 2013-14 will be open April 1, 2013. In the first year, this entitles you to:

- Opportunity to request free books for children in your school or community
- Placement in a drawing for a Read Aloud Party in your community during Read Aloud to a Child Month
- Recognition as a "Read Aloud School" on RAN website, press releases and other PR materials
- Communication regarding reading activities/updates in Nebraska

Annual renewal also makes the library eligible to apply for Read Aloud Nebraska mini-grants.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: info@readaloudnebraska.org

How to Read an E-Book with Your Child

By: Reading Rockets (2013). Retrieved from <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/56082/>

Electronic books are becoming more and more commonplace. Here you'll discover practical tips for sharing e-books with your child, and how to keep the focus on reading and the story.

Electronic books, called e-books, are becoming more and more commonplace these days. Some readers, like the first generation Kindle and Nook devices, offer a basic digital version of a print book. Children scroll through the pages to read, and the experience is somewhat similar to reading a traditional book.

Newer, full-color, touchscreen devices such as iPads and the Nook Color have expanded what is possible to include e-books with many more features. These "enhanced" e-books offer a different reading experience. Often bought as apps through iTunes, these e-books provide lots of choice. A user can choose have the whole book read to them, or can choose to read the book themselves. E-book enhancements consist of a range of things, but often include listening to music that complements the story, playing story-related games, completing coloring pages, and more. Most children find interactive e-books fun and engaging. But do they help develop important early literacy skills such as letter names and letter sounds or more complex skills such as comprehension?

The e-book market is too young to have enough solid research on the topic to know for sure yet, but researchers have spent lots of time watching families with young children engage with e-books. These observations suggest that it's easy for kids to get carried away with the digital nature of the e-book. Parents can help keep the focus on reading and the story by following three simple suggestions:

- ♦ Recognize the novelty factor. The first few times your child is interacting with a new e-book, allow time for exploration of the features. Once your child has spent some time exploring, set out to read or listen to the story without too many non-story related interruptions.
- ♦ Enjoy the features, but don't forget to focus on the story. See if you can help your child find a balance between having fun with the games and sticker books and really enjoying and understanding the story. As with all books, engage your reader in conversations about the story. "What do you think will happen next? What is your favorite part of the story?"
- ♦ Stay present with your child and the book experience. It's tempting to let the device do the work — read the story, play a game and interact with your child. But there's no substitute for quality parent-child conversation. Keep talking, commenting on interesting words and ideas, and sharing your love of literacy with your child.

Eastern Library System Board Minutes January 18, 2013 - Special Meeting Eastern Library System Office

Present: Rosa Schmidt, Joyce Neujahr, Tammy Lorenz, Lowen Kruse, Scott Berryman, John Seyfarth, Jan Therien, Francine Canfield, Marcia Jussel, Gail Formanack. Alternate: Robin Bernstein. Ex-Officio: Brian Maass. Guest: Richard Miller. Absent: David Privett, Gayle Roberts.

President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:35 and called upon Richard Miller from the Nebraska Library Commission. He presented handouts to all members including a copy of the agreement between the NLC and the Eastern Library System. He highlighted various aspects of the relationship between NLC and the systems. Funding for the systems is a mixture of state and federal funds, and this funding has been reduced over the last several years. He discussed the need for the board to inform all candidates for the director position of the funding situation and potential for reductions. The Nebraska Library Commission is responsible for any reorganization, and he clarified that reorganization is not the responsibility of the system boards. He also indicated that the Commission wishes to have representation on the selection committee as indicated in the formal agreement between NLC and ELS. Richard Miller will serve on the selection committee and take part in the interview process.

Therien moved and Seyfarth seconded the approval of the December 14 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Brian Maass, the executive assistant, presented a written report of his activities.

Old Business:

Neujahr reported on the progress of the search committee. The board reviewed the job description and job posting documents and suggested several changes. Seyfarth moved, Lorenz seconded the approval of the job description. Motion carried. Discussion moved to where to post the job posting. Bernstein moved, Seyfarth seconded that free job sites be utilized instead of newspaper and other print advertising. Motion passed. The board agreed on the application deadline of February 22nd.

There was a discussion regarding unmet needs of member libraries during the interim. Seyfarth moved, Lorenz seconded to appoint Gail Formanack as volunteer interim director, up to 10 hours per week. Motion passed.

Kruse moved, Seyfarth seconded to approve job posting

and job description after revisions suggested by Richard Miller of the Nebraska Library Commission. Motion passed. Seyfarth moved, Therien seconded to approve the expenditure of funds up to \$500 for the expenses related to the search. Motion passed. The interview process was discussed. Board members may observe the interviews but must commit to attending them all. Candidates who interview will be asked to make a short presentation on a choice of three topics. Scott will manage the electronic application process. Resumes of all candidates interviewed will be sent to the board electronically.

The conflict of interest policy was discussed. Kruse moved, Canfield seconded approval of the conflict of interest policy for the ELS board. Motion passed.

Scott Berryman reported his analysis of the system's car lease as related to a decision to hold it or sell. Jussel moved, Therien seconded to table the decision on the car. Motion passed.

New Business:

There was considerable discussion regarding the future of funding for the systems and the possible need for reorganization. Seyfarth moved, Neujahr seconded to send a formal letter to the Nebraska Library Commission on behalf of the Eastern Library System Board asking that they seek input and proactively plan a reorganization of the systems to be ready if funding cuts are needed. Motion passed.

Treasurer Francine Canfield presented a report on expenses related to the retirement recognitions. All but \$95 were covered by donations. Seyfarth moved, Kruse seconded that Gail Formanack be reimbursed \$500. Motion passed.

Brian Maass reported on his investigation of the office lease. The management company will extend the lease with no rent increase for up to five years. There is a clause in the current agreement which states there will be no penalty if ELS loses its funding and leaves early. Kruse moved, Seyfarth seconded that the board enter into a renewal of the lease for five years. Motion passed. Scott Berryman will review the lease before it is signed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43.

Next Meeting:

February 8 at Ralston's Baright Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Formanack, Secretary

Eastern Library System Board Minutes February 8, 2013 Baright Public Library, Ralston

Present: David Privett, Lowen Kruse, Scott Berryman, John Seyfarth, Francine Canfield, Marcia Jussel, Gail Formanack. Alternates: Marie Reidelbach, Lupe Mier. Ex-Officio: Brian Maass. Guest: Richard Miller. Absent: Rosa Schmidt, Joyce Neujahr, Tammy Lorenz, Gayle Roberts, Jan Therien.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m., and the by-laws were consulted. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Seyfarth moved, Kruse seconded that Francine Canfield be appointed to chair the meeting. Motion passed.

Announcements: Lowen Kruse announced an upcoming performance on race relations to be held at the Holland Center on February 15. He is getting a block of tickets and will send tickets to interested board members.

Recognition of Guest: Richard Miller from the Nebraska Library Commission presented a written report on the various activities happening at NLC. Of special note were the deadline for the Public Library Survey – February 15th and the program Big Talk from Small Libraries scheduled for February 28th.

Kruse moved and Seyfarth seconded the approval of the January 18 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports for December and January were reviewed. Brian Maass explained the addition of a sales tax line item in the budget report and noted it was for the tax paid on the calendar sales. John Seyfarth reported that many 501 (c) 3 organizations have been audited to try to determine if sales taxes have been appropriately paid.

There was no correspondence.

Gail Formanack, volunteer interim director, presented a written report of ELS activities. These included planning for the School Librarians' Day at UNO on April 6th and initiation of various committee activities.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising – Gail Formanack reported that donations are being accepted for the Younker's Community Day booklets.

Technology – No report.

Continuing Education – This committee will meet soon to begin plans for the annual meeting. Feedback for the committee was solicited.

Advocacy – Francine Canfield distributed the materials that the Nebraska Library Association gave to senators at the annual Advocacy Day at the Unicameral on January 30.

Old Business:

- Gail Formanack and Francine Canfield reported on behalf of the Search Committee. There were five applicants to date, and the committee is working on interview questions as well as investigating firms which do background checks. Board members will be notified when interviews are scheduled.

- Copies of the conflict of interest policy were distributed for all board members to sign. Scott Berryman gave some examples of typical conflicts of interest and explained that it is a good exercise to keep people cognizant of their duties and loyalties to various boards and organizations. Board members and alternates will be asked to review the policy annually at the August meeting.

- Brian Maass reported that the office lease has been written to extend the term for five years with no increase in rent. The board president has signed the lease on behalf of the board.

New Business:

- Seyfarth moved, Reidelbach seconded that the executive board and interim director move forward with developing and administering the annual needs assessment. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2013 at North Bend Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Formanack, Secretary

Sponsored by Eastern Library System, Nebraska School Librarians Association, University of Nebraska at Omaha

School Librarians' Day

April 6, 2013

University of Nebraska @ Omaha, Roskens Hall, UNO Campus

8:30-8:55 am *Registration, Coffee and Refreshments*



Session I (9:00-9:50)

Getting the Word Out: Using LibGuides to Organize P-12 Resources
Helen Cologne, Papillion/LaVista Public Schools, and Laura Pietsch, Omaha Public Schools

Session II (10:00—10:50)

Mobile Devices: Great P-12 Learning Apps for iPads
Sara Churchill and Krystal Macholan, Blair Public Schools,

10:50—11:05 Break

Session III (11:05-11:50 am)

A Guide to Inquiry: P-12 Resources to Jump Start Your Teaching
Mary Reiman, Lincoln Public Schools



11:50-12:30 *Lunch and short presentation from NSLA*

Session IV (12:30-1:20 pm)

Supporting Your School's Literacy Goals with Think Alouds at Elementary and Secondary
Ann Huxtable Scates, Deanna Reilly, Kellie Mihovk, Omaha Public Schools

Session V (1:30-2:45 pm)

Round Robin Book Reviews for All Grade Levels
Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission
Cathy McMahon, Sump Memorial Library,
Paul Christopherson, Omaha Public Library

Sessions will be interactive. **Please bring two books you would like to share.**

Cost—\$20 (includes lunch). Please register by **April 1st**.

Make checks to ELS and mail to:

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Omaha, NE 68144

402-330-7884
bmaass@windstream.net

Name _____

School _____

Email Address _____

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Parking is free on Saturdays. Park on either the north or south sides of Roskens Hall and enter through the south doors of the building. We will be there to greet you.

Eastern Library System Board 2013 - 2016

Nomination Form

Here is an opportunity to meet others interested in libraries and visit libraries in the area. Nominate yourself or another person for a three-year term on the ELS Board of Directors. The twelve-member System Board is the governing body of the Eastern Library System.

Board member responsibilities include approval of policies, budgets, plans and selection and evaluation of the system administrator. The System Board, though volunteer, is a "working" board and each member is expected to be active on one of the committees. Current committees are: Advocacy, Planning/Executive, Continuing Education, Nominating, Technology, and Fund Raising.

Winners of the election will get the opportunity to broaden their perspective of the library world, get a crash course in advocacy, and the chance to promote libraries in the state.

Please submit your name of the name of someone from you library community who is willing to serve. Nominees may be public, school, academic, or special librarians, trustees, library customers or community members.

Nominees representing any of the seven counties in the ELS area, Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Washington, will be considered.

I submit the following nomination to the Board of Directors of the Eastern Library System:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Present Positions (Classification, e.g. librarian (type), trustee, library customer, community member, etc.):

_____ I have contacted this person and he/she is willing to be nominated for membership on the Eastern Library System Board. This person understands the obligations as outlined on the back of this sheet.

Nominated by: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Nominations must arrive at the ELS Office by April 10, 2013.